

Las Cruces, New Mexico – Today, Congressman Harry Teague announced that the police departments of Lea County and the city of Hobbs will receive new mobile data terminals. The funding, awarded through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, will allow police units to dispatch emergency services with the aid of reliable computer-assisted dispatch systems.

“It is crucial that our police forces have access to quality mobile systems that will help them protect the community quickly and efficiently,” Harry Teague said. “New Mexicans deserve to feel confident that if there is an emergency their local police units have a safeguarded system to receive that message and respond. The new mobile data terminals that will be provided through this funding will ensure that Lea County police officers have up-to-date technology that will protect the community and save lives.”

The \$49,643 awarded to Lea County will be used to purchase durable, mobile computer systems that will ensure there is a dependable connection between the police units’ databases and mobile data computer aided dispatch systems. The funding will also provide ammunition for Lea County to be used at monthly duty weapon qualification.

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program allows states and units of local government to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on local needs. Grant funds can be used for state and local initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, and information systems for criminal justice.

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